

DPD-3725-59

3 June 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Language Training  
1926 Quarters Eye**

**ATTENTION**

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**SUBJECT**

: Request for Use of Russian Language Tapes

1. Several staff members of this Division have been pursuing the study of the Russian language on an informal basis. Their efforts so far have been confined to unsupervised study of various textbooks and other printed aids which have been purchased from personal funds. The personnel concerned realize, of course, that participation in one of the voluntary language courses conducted by the Agency would be the most expeditious method of obtaining this training; however, the interested personnel, by the nature of their assignment, must work irregular hours which precludes participation in a formal, scheduled course of study.

2. It is understood that your department has various magnetic tape recordings that are used as training aid for language instruction. With the above in mind, we would like to suggest that your tapes containing Russian language recordings (of beginner or first year type) be made available for reproduction for subsequent utilization by our interested personnel. The use of such tapes would certainly be of great value and act as a stimulus to their interest.

3. If this suggestion is feasible, this Division will supply clean electronic tapes for use in reproduction and also volunteer personnel to aid you in the reproduction process if you so desire. It should be understood that we are making the above recommendation because it seems the best solution to a specific problem of our personnel at this time and we are not suggesting that this procedure is in any way an equivalent substitute for the formal training program that your section offers. We shall continue to urge all interested personnel of this Division to take advantage of your program.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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